

WDFW-818 (Rev. 10/2001)
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Application for Charter License
for the Year _____

See Current Fee Sheet for License Type and Fee Amount

- ☐ Renewal of an Existing License
- ☐ New License (Non-Salmon Only)
- ☐ Waiver of Salmon Charter. Deadline May 1 Each Year

I will not be fishing for the current year indicated above _____ Initial

Department Use Only		
License Number	Card #	
License Type	Payment Receipt	
Resident		Non-Resident
WDFW Vessel Registration		
Fee Received	Amount Due	

License Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon (Salmon & Foodfish)	Number of Anglers (Salmon Only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Salmon (Foodfish & Shellfish)	

Designated Vessel Information							
Vessel Name				State or Document Number		Hull Identification Number	
Overall Length (ft)	Beam (ft)	Horsepower	Engine Type <input type="checkbox"/> GAS <input type="checkbox"/> DIESEL	Net Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	LORAN RADAR FATHOMETER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO

License Owner(s) ID#		
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Permanent Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Permanent Phone		
Social Security Number (required)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State.		
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.		
Signature of License Owner		Date
Signed at (Place) _____		

Vessel Owner(s) ID#					
Last Name	First Name	Initial	Birthdate (M/D/Y)		
Address			Phone Number		
Primary License Operator					
Last Name	First Name	Initial	Operator ID#		
Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height

Make fees payable to State Treasurer
License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year

Mail Applications Directly to:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
License Division
600 Capitol Way N
Olympia WA 98501-1091

Office Location:
1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA
Phone Number: (360) 902-2464 *TDD (360) 902-2207
Fax (360) 902-2945

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

RCW 77.70.050 (1) After May 28, 1977, the director shall issue no new salmon charter licenses. A person may renew an existing salmon charter license only if the person held the license sought to be renewed during the previous year or acquired the license by transfer from someone who held it during the previous year, and if the person has not subsequently transferred the license to another person.

(2) Salmon charter licenses may be renewed each year. A salmon charter license which is not renewed each year shall be denied upon application. You have a right to appeal.

(3) Subject to the restrictions in section 11 of this act, salmon charter licenses are transferrable from one license holder to another.

RCW 77.70.060 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, it is unlawful to operate a vessel as a charter boat from which salmon are taken in salt water without an angler permit. The angler permit shall specify the maximum number of persons that may fish from the charter boat per trip. The angler permit expires if the salmon charter license is not renewed.

(2) Only a person who holds a salmon charter license issued under RCW 77.65.150 and 77.70.050 may hold an angler permit.

(3) An angler permit shall not be required for charter boats licensed in Oregon and fishing in ocean waters within the jurisdiction of Washington state from the southern border of the state of Washington to Leadbetter Point under the same regulations as Washington charter boat operators, as long as the Oregon vessel does not land at any Washington port with the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers. The provisions of this subsection shall be in effect as long as the state of Oregon has reciprocal laws and regulations.

RCW 77.65.150 (1) The director shall issue the charter licenses and angler permits listed in this section according to the requirements of this title.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, it is unlawful to operate a vessel as a charter boat from which salmon or salmon and other food fish are taken without a salmon charter license designating the vessel. The director may issue a salmon charter license only to a person who meets the qualifications of RCW 77.70.050.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (2) and (5) of this section, it is unlawful to operate a vessel as a charter boat from which food fish or shellfish are taken without a nonsalmon charter license. As used in this subsection, "food fish" does not include salmon.

(4) Charter boat" means a vessel from which persons may, for a fee, fish for food fish or shellfish for personal use, and that brings food fish or shellfish into state ports or brings food fish or shellfish taken from state waters into United States ports. "Charter boat" does not mean a vessel used by a guide for clients fishing for salmon for personal use in freshwater rivers, streams and lakes other than Lake Washington or that part of the Columbia River below the bridge at Longview.

(5) A charter boat licensed in Oregon may fish without a Washington charter license under the same rules as Washington charter boat operators in ocean waters within the jurisdiction of Washington state from the southern border of the state of Washington to Leadbetter point, as long as the Oregon vessel does not land at any Washington port with the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers. The provisions of this subsection shall be in effect as long as the state of Oregon has reciprocal laws and regulations.

(6) A salmon charter license under subsection (1)(b) of this section may be renewed if the license holder notifies the department by May 1st of that year that he or she will not participate in the fishery during that calendar year. The license holder must pay the one hundred-dollar enhancement surcharge, plus a fifteen-dollar handling charge, in order to be considered a valid renewal and eligible to renew the license the following year.

Notification Clause

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability and sex (in educational programs). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, please write to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of External Programs
4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 130
Arlington, VA 22203

Personal Information Provided to the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife may be Disclosed Via a Public Records Request

All the information you provide in this application becomes a public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public, unless an exemption in law exists. The Department's Policy regarding Privacy Protection and Public Disclosure Requests is available upon request.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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(360) 902-2464

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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600 Capital Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501-1091
FAX (360) 902-2945

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Application for commercial fishery/specialized licenses must be completed in full including the type of license being applied for. Signatures of license owners are required. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all license criteria/qualifications are met. Applications submitted in the name of a corporation must provide a copy of those portions of the corporation papers that show the state seal, the corporation name, and a list of the current corporate officers. Only those individuals listed as corporate officers will have authority to sign for license renewals, or be designated as primary operator.

REGULATIONS AND SEASONS

It is your responsibility as a member of the fishing/wildlife industry to know what regulations are applicable to that segment of the industry in which you are engaged. For information on regulations or seasons contact the Enforcement Division at (360) 902-2936.

SPECIALIZED LICENSE CARDS

Specialized license cards must be in your possession while engaging in the activity for which the license is issued.

FISHERY LICENSE CARDS

Fishery license cards must be carried on the designated vessel while fishing. All commercial/charter fishing vessels must have a designated operator present. A license for an alternate operator may be obtained upon receipt of application and fee. Only those operators designated on the commercial fishery license card may sell catch to a licensed wholesale dealer. Commercial fishery license cards must be presented to the wholesale dealer or fish buyer when you sell your product. All operators, including the primary operator, are required to possess an operator license. Alternate operators must complete an alternate operator application and return it along with the appropriate fee to the Department for processing. Primary operators will be issued a complimentary operator license when the fishery license is issued. Only the license owner may be designated as the primary operator. A primary operator card does not allow that person to be designated as an alternate operator on a license which they do not own, that person is required to purchase an alternate operator license.

Vessel Designation Decals

If a vessel is designated on more than one fishery license, only one set of designated decals will be issued the vessel. Decals should be mounted on a CLEAN surface directly on each forward side of the vessel.

Sale of Product

In order to sell your catch to any person other than a licensed wholesale dealer/fisher buyer, you must be licensed as a wholesale dealer yourself and complete the proper fish receiving ticket before offering your catch for sale.

Requirement of 10 Inch Numbers

According to Washington Administrative Code 220-20-051, every vessel designated to participate in a commercial fishery or to deliver food fish and shellfish must have the official Coast Guard documentation number or complete state registration number permanently displayed in ten inch (10") tall numbers, or letters and numbers, of proportionate width, clearly visible from each side of the vessel. It is unlawful to participate in a commercial fishery or deliver food fish or shellfish without having such numbers displayed.

Examples: Coast Guard Document Number 123 321
 State Registration Numbers WN 000 XX

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to salmon guides, salmon charter, fishing guide (game fish), or non-transferable emergency salmon delivery licenses.

Evidence of Vessel Ownership

Each commercially licensed fishing vessel must have a copy of its state vessel registration or Coast Guard documentation papers showing that the vessel is used for commercial fishing on file with this office. No initial license issuance or vessel designation change will be processed without current documentation. Please check the expiration date on the papers of the vessel designated on the license. The state registration or Coast Guard documentation papers' expiration date must be beyond the date you are applying for the change.

License Ownership Transfers

Commercial fishing licenses are non-transferrable unless specified by Washington Law. Moratorium licenses vary in transfer rights. Call the License Division at (360) 902-2464 for assistance and transfer application.

Limited Entry Fishery Licenses

The following licenses have qualifying criteria in accordance with moratoria legislation: salmon fishery, salmon charter, sea urchin dive, sea cucumber dive, Dungeness Crab - Puget Sound, Puget Sound whiting, herring, ocean pink shrimp, Dungeness Crab - Coastal, Puget Sound Shrimp Pot and Puget Sound Shrimp Trawl. Contact our license specialists for further information.